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1. OON Hosts Grant Brainstorming Workshop

Don't forget; Office of Neighborhoods (OON) is hosting a workshop tonight to help develop grant ideas and proposals.

Have you considered applying for an OON Neighborhood Grant? Are you struggling to come up with or narrow down the best project to benefit your neighborhood? This workshop is for you!

The workshop will be tonight, Tuesday, Mar. 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in the KAT Community Room, 301 E. Church Ave. This is a peer-based workshop and will involve group discussion, brainstorming, and idea sharing.

For more information, please contact Debbie Sharp at 215-3232 or dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

Anyone needing a disability accommodation to be able to attend this meeting or any public meeting should contact Stephanie Cook at scook@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2034. For an English interpreter, contact Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at 865-215-2831

2. Healthier TN Recognizes Two Knoxville Neighborhoods

Thursday, Feb. 21, two Knoxville Neighborhoods were recognized for their fit-forward efforts at the Healthier Tennessee Awards Gala at the Graystone Quarry in Franklin, TN.

The Gala was a celebration for all participating Healthier TN Communities, but gave extra recognition to those communities going above and beyond to build a culture of health in their area.

Both **West Hills Community Association** and **Timbercrest Neighborhood Organization** were recognized for their efforts to promote health and fitness in their neighborhoods throughout 2018.

West Hills was recognized as a Bronze Level Healthier TN Neighborhood, and Timbercrest was given the honor of Silver Level status.

[Healthier TN](#) is a program from the Governor's Foundation for Health and Wellness. To learn more about how to become a Healthier TN community visit healthiartn.com.

3. OON Extends NOYA Deadline

Don't be shy! We know there are amazing neighbors donating time and energy to their communities every day. Now is your chance to let them shine, by nominating your neighborhood star for the Office of Neighborhoods Good Neighbor of the Year Award (NOYA).

We have decided to extend NOYA nominations for one week. The new deadline is Monday, Mar. 11, by 4:30 p.m. To nominate, fill out the [nomination form](#) and e-mail it to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov, or bring it by our office, Suit 528 A, in the City County Building, 400 Main St.

The Mayor will announce the winner and all nominees will be recognized at the 2019 Neighborhoods Conference, Saturday, May 18, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

For more, visit the [Good Neighbor of the Year Award](#) and nominate someone who gives their heart for your neighborhood!

4. NAC to Hear From City Staff

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) will meet on Wednesday, Mar. 13, at 4:30 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St. City staff will speak on pertinent topics at the meeting..

Have you experienced issues with the recent flooding or just want to understand run off from a neighbor's property? Jim Hagerman – Engineering Director, will speak about regulations and the City's role.

Do you wonder about your neighborhood's brush pick up schedule or how the recycling program is going? Chad Weth – Public Service Director, will speak about curbside pick-up/recycling and their new structure.

Do you ever think about the City process for a codes violation? Robert Moyers – Neighborhood Codes Enforcement Manager, will speak about Codes Enforcement and how a neighborhood can request a codes sweep.

All are invited and welcome to attend. Comments and questions will be made by the NAC members first. If time allows, questions or comments can be taken from the audience.

The NAC meets monthly. Members are appointed by the Mayor to serve three year terms giving advice about neighborhood issues to the City's administration and returning valuable information back to their neighborhoods.

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5. Neighborhoods Gather Forces for the March 13 Neighborhood Challenge

North, South, East, West, or Downtown!? The challenge is on to see who can win their region!

Wednesday, Mar. 13, gather your neighbors, friends, and family for a fun night out. Five local breweries have agreed to donate \$1 per pint sold between 5 and 10 p.m. to the 2019 Neighborhoods Conference!

Support the conference, support your neighborhood, and support your local business; rally your people, and head to the participating brewery in your area:

- [East Knoxville](#): Last Days of Autumn Brewing
- [West Knoxville](#): Abridged Beer Company
- [North Knoxville](#): Hexagon Brewing Co.
- [South Knoxville](#): Printshop Beer Co.
- [Downtown](#): Pretentious Beer Co.

The Neighborhood Challenge is on! The region that raises the most money will get special recognition at the conference, coming up on May 18, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Help rally your neighbors and spread the word by sharing your area's event from the [OON Facebook](#) on your Neighborhood Facebook Page!

6. Office of Neighborhoods Releases Organizational Survey

The Office of Neighborhoods released an organizational survey Friday, Mar. 1. The survey will be live until after the annual Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, May 18. It only takes 15 minutes and is anonymous.

The organizational survey is intended to provide the Office of Neighborhoods with constructive feedback on its mission, communication methods, and initiatives. Survey responses can be saved and submitted at a later date. At the end of this survey, each participant will have the opportunity to enter into a monthly prize contest. Prizes will vary by month and no participant is eligible to win more than one prize.

If you have questions or would like to request a paper copy, contact Hannah Freeman at hfreeman@knoxvillekn.gov or call 215-3456.

7. Win a \$75 Neighborhood Achievement Award

What creative, innovative, think-outside-the-box projects has your neighborhood organization been doing over the past year?

Whether your organization is large or small, well established or brand new, your group is encouraged to apply for the Neighborhood Achievement Award. The awards will showcase accomplishments by neighborhood groups during the 2018 calendar year.

To apply, fill in the [application](#) and email it to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvillekn.gov OR mail it to Office of Neighborhoods, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN, 37901, no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, Apr. 5. If you have questions or need a hard copy mailed to you, contact Debbie Sharp at 215-4382 or the above email.

Neighborhood Achievement Awards are recognized every year at The Neighborhood Conference held on May 18, 2019 at the Knoxville Convention Center this year. Winners receive \$75 for their Neighborhood Organization to use on future initiatives.

Types of accomplishments include:

- Beautification and place-making projects, green spaces and community gardens, and other physical improvements to the neighborhood;
- Projects, events, and activities that focus on connecting neighbors with one another, such as street fairs, potlucks, home tours, holiday celebrations, and neighbors helping neighbors;
- New or ongoing communication efforts such as newsletters, social media, and phone tree networks; and
- Activities involved in launching, reviving, or strengthening a neighborhood group.

We are excited to see what your neighborhoods have been up to!

8. Community Building Institute Offers Free Workshops for 2019

The Community Building Institute, headquartered in Knoxville, has released the 2019 schedule for their Community Building Workshops. The workshop builds on principles and practices of M. Scott Peck, MD, the author of *A Road Less Traveled*. Participation is free for residents and invited guests.

This workshop is designed for those who care about improving the quality of life in Knoxville and strengthening their communication skills. Guided by specially trained facilitators, participants identify and address obstacles to deeper levels of communication. The workshop process has been successfully implemented for a variety of groups such as neighborhoods, non-profits, religious, and professional groups. Each workshop experience is 3 days long and full participation is required.

The Community Building Workshop will be offered in Knoxville on the following dates: May 8-10, May 29-31, Oct. 3-5, and Oct. 30 – Nov. 1. For more information, call 300-2889 or email events@communitybuilder.com. To register for a workshop, visit www.CommunityBuilding.com/calendar.

9. TN Driver's License Mobile Unit Comes to Knoxville

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security's Workforce Department is partnering with the Knoxville Area Urban League to provide a Mobile Unit for state-issued I.D.s. The mobile unit will be at 1514 East Fifth Ave. on Thursday, Mar. 14, from 1-4 p.m.

The mobile unit will be equipped to provide the following services: state of TN I.D., learner's permit testing, new TN resident driver's license, renewal driver's license, driving test on site, driver license re-instatement, and restricted driver license.

Fees apply to all services. The unit is accessible for those with mobility issues. To RSVP, contact Bill Myers, Jackie Robinson, or Gladys Farmer at 524-5511.

10. Two Lonsdale Properties Up for Discussion at Infill Housing Meeting

Knoxville-Knox County Planning's Infill Housing Design Review Committee will meet on Thursday, Mar. 7, at 9 a.m., in the City County Building Small Assembly Room, 400 Main Street.

Two applications in the Lonsdale Neighborhood are up for discussion: 1751 Ohio Ave. and 3405 Gap Rd.

Click [here](#) to see the upcoming agenda or visit the Infill Housing Design Review Committee [webpage](#) to learn more. For a comprehensive explanation of the Infill Housing Design guidelines, visit [Heart of Knoxville Infill Housing Design Guidelines](#).

11. PARC, KPD, and OON Offer Community Safety Workshop

Do you live in the North Knoxville area? The Office of Neighborhoods (OON), Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC), and Knoxville Police Department (KPD) are partnering together for a workshop and conversation on keeping neighborhoods safe.

This workshop will be the first of four this year. It will be held on Thursday, Mar. 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 5409 Jacksboro Pike. Upcoming quarterly meetings will be held in other geographical areas of Knoxville.

Neighbors will learn more about OON, PARC, and crime that is happening in their part of town. Best practices for community safety, crime prevention, and safety awareness will be shared.

For accommodations, contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at 215-2034 or scCook@knoxvilletn.gov.

For translation services, contact Tatia Harris at 215-2831 or tharris@knoxvilletn.gov.

12. Knoxville SOUP Seeks Proposals

Knoxville SOUP is looking for community-focused projects throughout Knox County that could benefit from start-up funds..

The next SOUP micro-funding event will take place Tuesday, Apr. 30, at Dara's Gardens, 2637 Maryville Pike, 37920. The deadline to enter an application for your project is Sunday, Apr. 22.

SOUP is a grassroots organization that holds quarterly events at rotating locations to help raise money for projects that will benefit the community. Neighborhood and community groups, nonprofits, businesses and individuals are welcome to submit their projects for consideration.

Up to four projects are chosen to present at each event. Attendees listen to the proposals, then dine on a meal of soup and salad, discuss the projects, and vote for their favorite.

The project with the most votes wins the cash from the door. (A donation of \$5 per person is suggested for entry.) At the most recent SOUP, East Tennessee Permaculture Research Institute walked away with \$765 to fund their Ogle Avenue Bus Shelters project to accommodate those using the KAT buses on Route #45.

The SOUP [application](#) consists of four simple questions and is available at www.knoxvillesoup.org. For the Apr. 30th event, doors will open at 6 p.m. and presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Danny Gray at 680-6934 or [danlgray@aol.com](mailto:danielgray@aol.com).

13. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (click link for online calendar)

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Other Calendars

Here are other online calendars that cover events outside of the neighborhood realm:

- [Arts & Culture Alliance](#) (There's More to Knoxville)

- [Arts & Fine Crafts Center Classes](#) (City of Knoxville)
- [City of Knoxville General Calendar](#)

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